



## Invitation to Bid - SCFC Timber Sale - Francis Marion Forest

Bids Will Open April 18, 2023, 11:00 am

SCFC Headquarters 5500 Broad River Rd, Columbia, SC (Room 107)

FM 004 ADV TS 23 SPB3

Bids can be mailed, hand delivered or emailed to [jdouglas@scfc.gov](mailto:jdouglas@scfc.gov)

All correspondence Must Reference: Att. James Douglas, Bid on Forest Products Sale FM 004 ADV TS 23 SPB3 and in the format/form of: a per unit price for all pine products and a per unit price for all hardwood products. Payments and weight scale tickets will be submitted weekly. Payment of the performance bond is due at the signing of contract.

### *Bidding Format Example*

Buyers Name	FM 004 ADV TS 23 SPB3	<u>\$XX.<sup>yy</sup> per ton for all pine products</u>
		<u>\$XX.<sup>yy</sup> per ton for all hardwood products</u>

*The SC Forestry Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids.*

The sale is located in Berkeley County near the intersection of Tiger Corner and Horse Island (33.2365° & -79.6671°).

Approximate Total Tons Available <i>(Buyers is responsible for their own estimate)</i>	~4,102 tons	Performance Bond Required at Contract Signing	\$15,000 <sup>00</sup>
Total Acres to be Harvested	~102 ac.	Months to Complete Harvest Sale Ending Date	(~12 mo.) April 19, 2024
Site Operability	dry logging only	Harvest Marked Boundaries	Orange Paint
Harvesting Method	Operator Select Thinning Target Basal Area: 45 to 55 ft <sup>2</sup> /ac Order of preference to be left: Longleaf pine and shortleaf pine Oak and hickory in upper canopy Large sized loblolly	Potential specialty products	NA
Site Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•The soil for this area are poorly drained and may limit logging for much of the year. Low PSI equipment is recommended (tracked, dual wheeled, and/or high flotation tires).</li> <li>•Timber Sale administrator will do site evaluations to ensure soil quality standards are not compromised prior to and during logging.</li> <li>•Do not use mechanical equipment on plastic soils when the water table is within 12 inches of the surface, or when soil moisture exceeds the plastic limit. Soil moisture exceeds the plastic limit if the soil can be rolled to pencil size without breaking or crumbling.</li> <li>•Logging will not take place if there is evidence of surface ponding of water.</li> </ul> <p><b>Equipment Cleaning Required</b> - Logging equipment will be subject to equipment cleaning in order to prevent the introduction and spread of Non-Native Invasive Plants into the cutting units or sale area.</p> <p><b>Roads</b> – Shall maintain all USFS roads commensurate to initial pre logging condition during and after all logging activities</p>		

For additional information, contact: James Douglas, State Lands Coordinator: [jdouglas@scfc.gov](mailto:jdouglas@scfc.gov)  
Telephone: (803) 360-6882.

**Sale Requirements:** A pre-logging conference must be scheduled between the SCFC State Lands Coordinator, USFS Timber Sale Administrator, and the buyer and a representative of the logger.

The successful bidder must comply with the SC Illegal Immigration Reform Act, 2008. This is done by signing a form as part of the contract. Loggers must be able to provide proof of **COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY** insurance for the amount of **ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000)** with the **USFS & the SCFC named as co-insured**, and proof of workers compensation insurance is necessary before a contract can be signed. Contractors shall follow OSHA safety regulations and shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws as well as EPA Worker Protection Standards and Migrant and Seasonal Workers Protection Act, if applicable.

**Best Management Practices:** All work must also adhere to the SCFC BMP standards (see SCFC BMP Manual). A courtesy BMP exam from the SCFC BMP Forester is required on this site. At least one responsible person on the logging crew must be a graduate of the South Carolina Timber Operations Professional Program, or equivalent program such as NC Pro Logger or GA Master Timber Harvester.

It will also be the buyers / logger's responsibility to obtain all necessary state and local permits and permission from DOT and any other pertinent entities prior to utilizing any state or local highway / road (or any other) shoulder / right of way associated with this tract. The buyer will also be responsible for performing all the road work necessary to ensure the safe operation of 18-wheel logging trucks.





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